

Playground to swing back into action at new location

Eastview. If weather co-operates and enough volunteers are rounded up, the playground will open next week



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There's a silver lining to the closing of Haultain Community School — its playground equipment has been moved to a new home at the Eastview Community Centre.

The new-and-improved playground may open sometime next week, depending on weather conditions. But there are other factors that may delay the playground's opening.

"We're hoping we're open by next week," said Erica Frank, a community consultant with the City of Regina, "but it will really depend on getting volunteers."

So far, members of the Street Culture Kidz project have volunteered their time to set up the playground. About seven members dug their shovels in Tuesday to lay down pea gravel at the site. But more hands will

Point of view

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be needed to get the job done.

The equipment includes a climbing wall, overhead bars and a number of balancing pods. The pieces were originally installed at Haultain in 2008 after the school's parents committee raised enough funds to erect the equipment.

Four years later, the school closed, and the Eastview Community Association requested that the city keep the equipment in the neighbourhood.

"I think this is a huge positive for the community to have new play equipment," said Frank. "It will be used by the neighbourhood programs for the community centre, and that is a good thing."

The Haultain Community School officially shut its doors in June. The closure was met with some controversy, as the area is seen by many as a growing neighbourhood, and the school was 19 students shy of the school board's 140 cut-off limit.



Erica Frank, right, helps volunteers set up playground equipment at the Eastview Community Centre.

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Intersection repairs cause traffic havoc



Trifon's Family Restaurant general manager Charmaine Wowk points at a map that business owners at Kramer's Corner mall are distributing to help customers navigate their way into and out of the strip mall. ROB BROWN/METRO

Business owners are sounding off, saying that a pair of city road construction projects are driving away customers and causing extensive traffic re-routing at the intersection of Wascana Parkway and Kramer Boulevard.

"There are all sorts of repairs going on," said Sal Azad, day manager of the Pita Pit, one of more than a dozen businesses located in the Kramer's Corner strip mall.

"It has shut down the entire boulevard, so traffic has to be relocated to the back of the strip mall — it is affecting all businesses."

The City of Regina is spend-

ing more than \$1.2 million on Wascana Parkway, from Grant Road to north of Kramer Boulevard, to rebuild catch-basin tops, as well as on assorted asphalt milling and paving to improve driving, sidewalk conditions and drainage.

Nearly \$400,000 of work is being put into Kramer Boulevard to improve concrete medians, install sidewalks on the north side and to enhance traffic turns in and out of the University of Regina campus.

Charmaine Wowk, general manager at Trifon's Family Restaurant, says the city closed the boulevard to traffic on Wednesday.

"Now there is only one access to the mall, off Centennial Street," she said, adding businesses at Kramer's Corner have teamed up.

"We're circulating Google maps around the restaurant on how to best access the mall coming from the north and south," said Wowk.

"We're encouraging other businesses to do the same."

Azad says there is a silver lining to the construction.

"The only plus is that they're doing this before university classes start in a couple weeks," said Azad. "Then it would be much, much worse."

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Mobile news



Researchers have identified strange-looking mutated butterflies found near Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant. Scan the code to see why the science community is so worried.

Goforth case

Mother removed from courtroom

The biological mother of two young sisters had to be removed from a Regina courtroom after yelling at the woman accused of killing one of the girls. The mother sobbed on Wednesday as she listened to the bail hearing for Tammy Lynn Goforth, but

was removed by security after making a move towards the accused and yelling at her.

A four-year-old girl died earlier this month after she and her two-year-old sister were brought to a Regina hospital. Lynn and Kevin Eric Goforth are charged with manslaughter. The couple was originally charged with negligence causing bodily harm, but the charges were upgraded after the four-year-old died. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Motorcycle trip

Son sees father die in tragic crash

A Saskatchewan man on a motorcycle trip through British Columbia was killed in a head-on collision while his son watched helplessly.

Castlegar police responded to a crash Tuesday on Highway 3A near the Shoreacres Bridge, between

Castlegar and Nelson.

Police said the driver of a Ford Explorer attempted to overtake a logging truck, lost control and crossed the centre line into the path of two motorcycles.

Clifford Wright, 66, of Swift Current was pronounced dead at hospital. The second motorcycle rider, Wright's adult son, was able to safely come to a stop while witnessing the accident. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Leadership

New CEO for food bank

Steve Compton, who has been with the Regina Food Bank since 2005, replaces Wayne Hellquist as CEO. Board chair Ken Kosolofski said while the food bank carried out a thorough search, the best candidate was under its roof. **METRO**

Bladder trouble

Prince Philip, 91, back in hospital

Queen Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, was admitted to hospital in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Wednesday after a recurrence of the bladder infection he suffered earlier this summer.

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Robbery at icon's home

Steve Jobs' wallet had a dollar inside

The burglar who broke into Steve Jobs' house made off with the Apple Inc. co-founder's wallet with a dollar inside and his driver's licence, in addition to Apple gadgets and jewelry, says a police report. The suspect, Kariem

McFarlin, 35, allegedly targeted the unoccupied Palo Alto, Calif., home because it was under renovation. Jobs died last October.

Also taken were iPhones, iPads, iPods, Mac computers, Cristal Champagne and \$60,000 US worth of Tiffany & Co. jewelry.

McFarlin faces almost eight years in prison if convicted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Oh my god!'

Gunfire, panic in temple rampage

Gunfire can be heard in recordings of emergency calls from the scene of the shooting that killed six worshippers at a Sikh temple in the U.S.

Milwaukee County authorities on Wednesday released tapes from the

Aug. 5 attack at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin.

As one caller says "There's a shooting," gunfire can be heard.

Another woman calls to report seeing someone shot. At one point, with phones ringing, a dispatcher says, "Oh my god!"

White supremacist Wade Michael Page opened fire before shooting himself. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two dozen cities

Global rallies for Pussy Riot band

Rallies urging freedom for the Pussy Riot band will be held Friday before a Russian court rules on its fate. Three women have been in jail for five months because of an anti-Putin prank in Moscow. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian jets unleash double dose of sorrow for a town

Carnage in Azaz. Two savage bombing raids reportedly kill at least 20, including a baby

Syrian fighter jets swooped in low over the rebel-held town of Azaz Wednesday in two bombing runs that sent panicked civilians fleeing for cover and reduced homes to rubble.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 23 people died in the double air strike and more than 200 were wounded.

Mohammed Nour, a local activist reached by phone,

put the death toll at 25. Neither figure could be independently confirmed.

Reporters saw a baby among the dead, and dozens wounded, most of them women and children.

One man was pulled bloodied but alive from the wreckage of destroyed homes.

"God is great! God is great!" yelled his rescuers.

Nearby, a woman sat on the pile of bricks that once was her home, cradling a dead baby. Two other bodies lay next to her.

"I saw the plane come down and some missiles fall and then there was smoke all over," said Mohammed Fuad, 18, who lives near the site of the attacks.

"When it cleared, we heard screaming and saw rubble all over the streets."

Most of the wounded were taken in cars to the nearby Turkish border.

The attack came on the same day the United Nations released a report accusing Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces of war crimes in the killings of more than 100 civilians — nearly half of them children — in the village of Houla in May.

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Attack scene

Azaz, about 48 kilometres north of Aleppo, considers itself "liberated" since rebel forces pushed out the army in a series of gritty street battles last month. Its largest rebel group, the Northern Storm Brigade, runs a prison and the nearby border crossing with Turkey.



Injured but alive: Syrians leave a field hospital in Azaz after an air strike Wednesday. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wants new ideas

Baird thinks again over \$2 million

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has changed his mind about giving \$2 million to a Syrian-Canadian group so it could buy medical supplies.

The Canadian Press has learned Baird has told officials to find another way to get the supplies to Syria.

The government announced on the weekend that Canadian Relief for Syria would be given the money to provide medical care to people caught up in the ongoing conflict.

The group said the money would be used to purchase supplies for its network of doctors and nurses on the ground.

But a government source says Baird is concerned that some of the funds will be used for warehouses and other infrastructure.

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Contrite Japan begs forgiveness for war crimes



Family members and relatives of war dead lay flowers during a Tokyo memorial service on Wednesday. SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan marked the 67th anniversary of its Second World War surrender with a sombre ceremony in the capital Wednesday.

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda mourned the war dead and apologized to victims of Japanese wartime atrocities.

"We have caused tremendous damage and pain to many countries, particularly the Asian people, during the war," Noda said.

"We deeply regret that and sincerely mourn for those who were sacrificed and their relatives. We will not repeat

the same mistake."

Emperor Akihito, whose father made the unprecedented 1945 national radio address announcing the war could not be won, also offered prayers for the dead.

Meanwhile, simmering tensions between Japan and its neighbours have threatened to boil over in recent weeks.

Tokyo was angered by a recent visit by South Korean President Lee Myung-bak to contested islands in the Sea of Japan — they're called Takeshima in Japanese and

Dokdo in Korean.

The visit was seen by many as an attempt by Lee to play up anti-Japan sentiment ahead of elections later this year.

A group of South Korean protesters swam across the sea to the islands Wednesday, while a shipload of activists from Hong Kong was heading to another set of disputed islands in the East China Sea claimed by China and Taiwan.

The Hong Kong boat briefly entered territorial waters.

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Sex slaves

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak condemned Japan for forcing thousands of Korean women into sexual slavery for Japanese soldiers during the war.

- **Shame.** Historians say up to 200,000 "comfort women" — many of them also from China and the Philippines — were forced to provide sex at military brothels.



Top: U.S. President Barack Obama looks on as first lady Michelle Obama speaks during a campaign stop on Wednesday in Dubuque, Iowa. Bottom: Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks to press secretary Rick Gorka before departing from Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL, MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama 'running to hang onto power': Romney

Presidential race.

Tight U.S. election campaign gets heated as both candidates fan out across the all-important Midwest

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney said U.S. President Barack Obama is running a campaign driven by "division and attack and hatred" and called on him Wednesday to lift the tone of political discourse.

In a close and increasingly acrimonious race, Romney went on national television to say he thinks Obama is "running to hang onto power, and I think he would do anything in his power" to remain in office.

They were some of Romney's harshest words yet against the president. He was interviewed on CBS television from the battleground state of Ohio, one of the key states that will help decide the November election.

Fighting words

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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, speaking to CBS News

Closing out a three-day bus journey across the Midwestern state of Iowa, Obama did not respond to the Romney attack, but accused his opponent in the Nov. 6 presidential election of "trying to sell this trickle-down snake oil before."

Obama was introduced to assembled supporters by First Lady Michelle Obama who said it was good to see her husband after a five-day absence that she said seemed like a week.

Many business-friendly Republicans maintain that creating a better economic climate for top income earners and big corporations produces benefits that spread downward to lower-income workers.

Obama insists that Romney and his newly named

vice-presidential running mate, Paul Ryan, have laid out a program that reprises the economic policies of former president George W. Bush: Big tax breaks for the wealthy and plans to cut away the social safety net for older Americans and the needy.

Obama blamed that economic philosophy for leading the country into the deepest economic downturn since the Great Depression, saying Republicans were responsible for middle- and low-income wages stagnating or falling since the turn of the century.

Before the president spoke in the Mississippi River city of Dubuque, Obama campaign spokesman Jennifer Psaki said Romney's comments seemed "unhinged."

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Sunken ship brought back from the deep

More than three centuries ago, a French explorer's ship sank in the Gulf of Mexico, taking with it France's hopes of colonizing a vast piece of the New World — modern-day Texas.

Like La Salle in 1685, researchers at Texas A&M University are in uncharted waters as they try to reconstruct his vessel with a gigantic freeze-dryer, the first undertaking of its size.

By placing the ship, named La Belle, in a constant environment of up to 60 degrees below zero, more than 300 years of moisture will be safely removed from hundreds of European oak and pine timbers and planks.

Researchers will then rebuild the 16.5-metre vessel, which will become the centrepiece of the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

From a historical perspective, it's "an icon of a small event that dramatically changed the course of Texas history," said Jim Bruseth, who led the Texas Historical Commission effort to recover the remains.



The hull of the 17th-century French ship La Belle is shown at Texas A&M University in Bryan, Texas. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The supply ship was built in 1684 and sank two years later in a storm on Matagorda Bay, about midway between Galveston and Corpus Christi.

"When La Belle sank, that doomed La Salle's colony and opened the door for Spain to come in and occupy Texas," Bruseth said. "People can see firsthand how history can turn on a dime."

After a decade-long hunt, Texas Historical Commission archaeologists found the ship in 1995 in 12 feet of murky

water.

After the water was pumped out, teams dug through six feet of mud in the Gulf of Mexico seabed to retrieve the nearly intact ship and some 700,000 items.

The ship was then transferred to the Texas A&M lab, where the water-logged wood has been immersed in a chemical solution to keep it solid.

The rebuilding of the La Belle will begin late next year at the Bullock Museum.

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Aging population

New ad campaign targets caregivers

A new U.S. public-service campaign from AARP and the Ad Council begins Thursday to raise awareness of the impact of family caregiving as the nation rapidly greys — and to point overwhelmed families toward resources that may ease the strain. An AARP report found families provide a staggering \$450 billion US worth of unpaid care annually. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Molestation scandal

Penn State to host abuse conference

Penn State announced Wednesday that it will host a national child sex-abuse conference, the latest in a series of initiatives designed to raise awareness of the issue and help the university recover from a devastating molestation scandal. The October gathering will feature remarks by retired boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard and former kidnapping victim Elizabeth Smart. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

E-dealer. Canadians among the top users of illicit drug website

Canadians are among the top sellers and buyers of marijuana, steroids, cocaine and other drugs available at the click of a mouse on an anonymous website that functions like a black market version of eBay, a study has found.

The website, called Silk Road, uses a digital currency to protect online purchases, and an anonymity software to conceal users' identities online, making it very difficult for law-enforcement agents to locate the site's servers or its participants.

Nicolas Christin, a cybersecurity professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., said the website is growing at an alarming rate, with total revenues estimated at \$1.9 million per month.

"This seems to be a growing marketplace," said Christin, who recently released a research paper on the illegal online pharmacy.

"If you set aside the type of things that they are selling, they seem to be work-



Marijuana is the top-selling drug on the Silk Road site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing on a fairly good business model," Christin said in an interview.

According to his research, which looked at the sales activity on Silk Road for eight months between end of 2011 and 2012, Canada ranks fifth in a list of top-12 most-frequent shipping origins and destinations, accounting for about six per cent of both.

Marijuana is the top-selling drug on the website, accounting for 13.7 per cent of sales. THE CANADIAN PRESS



In this photo taken on July 17, Thai customs officials stand next to ivory that was confiscated and shown at a news conference in Bangkok, Thailand. APICHART WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top dogs of wildlife trafficking slipping through the cracks

Thailand. Kingpins appear to be taking advantage of corrupt cops and officials

Squealing tiger cubs stuffed into carry-on bags. Luggage packed with hundreds of squirming tortoises, elephant tusks, even water dragons and American paddlefish. Officials at Thailand's gateway airport proudly tick off the illegally trafficked wildlife they have seized over the past two years.

But Thai and foreign law-enforcement officers tell another story: Officials working-hand-in-hand with traffickers ensure that other shipments through Suvarnabhumi International Airport are whisked off before they even reach customs inspection.

It's a murky mix. A 10-fold increase in wildlife law-enforcement actions, including seizures, has been reported in the past six years in Southeast Asia. Yet the trade's Mr. Bigs, masterful in taking advantage of pervasive corruption, appear immune to arrest and continue

Shady deals

- Officials interviewed at the airport, one of Asia's busiest, acknowledge corruption exists but downplay its extent.
- Another shortfall in the system: The multiple agencies that often don't co-operate or share information.
- Each agency has a role at Bangkok's airport: The police, national parks department, customs, immigration, military and CITES.

to orchestrate the decimation of wildlife in Thailand, the region and beyond.

And Southeast Asia's honest cops don't have it easy.

"It is very difficult for me. I have to sit among people who are both good and some who are corrupt," says Chanvut Vajrabukka, a retired police general. "If I say, 'You have to go out and arrest that target,' some in the room may well

warn them," says Chanvut, who now advises ASEAN-WEN, the regional wildlife enforcement network.

Several kingpins, says wildlife activist Steven Galster, have recently been confronted by authorities, "but in the end, good uniforms are running into, and often stopped by, bad uniforms. It's like a bad Hollywood cop movie."

Recently, Lt. Col. Adtaphon Sudsai, a highly regarded, outspoken officer, was instructed to lay off what had seemed an open-and-shut case he cracked four years ago when he penetrated a gang along the Mekong River smuggling pangolin.

This led him to Daoreung Chaimas, alleged by conservation groups to be one of Southeast Asia's biggest tiger dealers. Despite being arrested twice, having her own assistants testify against her and DNA testing that showed two cubs were not offsprings from zoo-bred parents as she claimed, Daoreung remains free and the case may never go to the prosecutor's office.

Daoreung is the spouse of a police officer.

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In this 2011 photo, a Thai customs officer shows an Indian gharial, a type of crocodile, with its mouth tied at a news conference on wildlife seized in Bangkok. APICHART WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A young Indian roofed turtle crawls on the fingers of a custom officer in this 2011 photo. APICHART WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Endangered animals

China the top consumer of illegal goods

The issue of animal smuggling is prevalent elsewhere in Southeast Asia, the prime funnel for wildlife destined for the world's No. 1 consumer — China — where many animal parts are consumed in the belief they have medicinal or aphrodisiacal properties.

Most recently, a torrent of rhino horn and elephant tusks has poured through Asia from Africa, which suffers the greatest slaughter of these two endangered animals in decades. Vietnam was singled out last month by the World Wide Fund for Nature as the top destination country for the highly prized rhino horn.

Tens of thousands of birds, mostly parrots and cockatoos plucked from the wild, are being imported from the Solomon Islands into Singapore, often touted as one of Asia's least corrupt nations, in violation of CITES, the international convention on wildlife trade.

According to TRAFFIC, the international body monitoring wildlife trade, the imported birds are listed as captive-bred, even though it's known that the Pacific Ocean islands have virtually no breeding facilities.

Women virtually untapped in beer market: BMO report

Brewing competition. They're looking for low-cal, light beer: Expert

It's been mostly a man's world when it comes to beer.

Women are a big, untapped market for North American beer brewers as they face more competition from wine and spirits and specialty craft brewers, says a Bank of Montreal report.

"At this juncture, 80 per cent of beer sales are sold to guys," said David Rinneard, national manager of agriculture at BMO.

What women want is low-calorie, lighter-flavoured beer and beer-based beverages, he said Wednesday from Toronto.

Brewers will appeal to female sensibilities with these niche products along with commercials and marketing targeted at women, he said.

On the wagon

Per-capita consumption of beer remains flat in Canada and has fallen in the United States, the bank's study said.

- One of the challenges ahead for the North American brewing industry is the scorching temperatures this summer that could push up prices.

- Prices for barley, wheat and, to a lesser extent, hops have been going up.

"They're making a diligent effort and attempt to go after that new market."

Calories also are "unquestionably" a factor in getting women to drink more beer, Rinneard said, adding men can also be calorie conscious.

Traditionally, women weren't pursued by brewers because they didn't need the market with the "prosperous" and defined market of male beer drinkers, Rinneard said.

Beer for women is starting to make some inroads. "Chick Beer" is an American craft-brewed beer specifically aimed at women and boasts just 97 calories, 3.5 carbs per bottle and 4.2 per cent alcohol.

For the calorie conscious, there's Molson Ultra with 2.5 grams of carbohydrates, 97 calories and 4.5 per cent alcohol.

As wine and spirits affect beer consumption and the population ages, brewers have to look for other growth opportunities, Rinneard said.

"In essence, they're competing for a defined or limited amount of stomach space, if you can call it that."

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Samsung shooting for Apple

Baz Luhrmann, a movie writer, director and producer, discusses on Wednesday at a news conference how he has recently been using a Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1. Samsung Electronics Co.'s release is the latest shot at the dominance of Apple's iPad with a tablet equipped with a digital pen and a faster processor at the same price tag. The Wi-Fi-only version of the Galaxy Note 10.1 will go on sale in the U.S. on Thursday. The price starts at \$499 US for the basic model with 16 gigabytes of storage and \$549 for the 32-gigabyte model, expandable with an external memory card. Apple's latest iPad starts at the same price but the Note 10.1 offers some features that the iPad doesn't have, while its screen resolution is lower than the iPad's.

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Patent infringement

Lululemon takes Calvin Klein to court

Trendy yoga-gear maker Lululemon Athletica Inc.'s signature body-hugging pants have become so integral to the popularity of the brand that it is suing Calvin Klein Inc. for patent infringement over a very similar design.

Lululemon Athletica has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. accusing PVH Corp.'s Calvin Klein and G-III Apparel Group Ltd. of infringing on three different patents covering a specific overlapping style of waistband.

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STUDY SAYS WE'RE SILLY GOOSES



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A couple of enlightening new surveys released this month show that many Canadians are oblivious, dog-like fools. None of the articles written about the studies started that way, mind

you, but I think the news was buried.

What the stories did say was that many Canadians — myself included — manage their money with all the success of Research in Motion. Roughly half of us have no emergency savings, and a good chunk of young people plan to retire early but haven't actually started saving, you know, money.

Some of the reasons youth gave for not saving are a little baffling, as if I just made them up or something:

- 40 per cent: Plan to cash out their World of Warcraft gold, ignoring the fact that Mario coins have barely appreciated in value.
- 33 per cent: Have "liked" Retirement Savings on Facebook multiple times and don't know what more they could possibly do.
- Five per cent: Have access to the Fox News channel, assumed socialist welfare state would cover costs.

Freedom fuddled

"Frankly, a survey saying we're bad with our money isn't that shocking. What's shocking is a group of people so out of touch that they believe they're going to retire early despite having no money."

Frankly, a survey saying we're bad with our money isn't that shocking. What's shocking is a group of people so out of touch that they believe they're going to retire early despite having no money.

It'd be one thing for a survey to show, say, that Canadians are overweight and unhealthy. But if the same survey showed that obese, chain-smoking Canadians had plans to compete at Rio, we might start questioning our mental-health system, too.

Not that I can be too critical.

I personally always keep several thousand dollars in my mattress for when the McRib comes back. But other than that, I am a typical, cash-confused Canadian.

My emergency savings consist of a jar in my apartment where I throw pennies, so that once it's full enough I can complain about how useless pennies are. A penny saved is a waste of time, I always say.

As for retirement, I plan to die retroactively at 27.

In other words, I feel Canada's financial pain. Or more specifically, I don't feel it, which is the problem.

This is where we're like dogs. If you have a dog and he eats your food while you're out, you know it's pointless to discipline him because the crime and the punishment are too far apart, and he'll wonder why you're suddenly upset that he's licking himself for the 27th time that day.

As with global warming, we don't see the negative consequences right away so we can't do the right thing.

It would be helpful if ATMs jolted you with 10,000 volts at every withdrawal, or if our credit cards were designed to give us nasty paper cuts.

Maybe if the bank teller scratched us behind the ear and told us we were good every time we made a deposit, we'd do it more often.

If any banks start doing this, please let me know. I'll be in your debt. And if my track record holds, most likely forever.



Want to plan for retirement with no money? Ha! ISTOCK

Philippines turns into Venice



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Stormy weather

Natural disasters return to islands

Tropical storm Kai-Tak is battering the Philippines, with the islands still recovering from the last deadly storm just a week ago. Many roads are knee-deep in water and at least four deaths have already been confirmed. Forecasters are hoping that Kai-Tak will be out of the Philippines by the end of the week. **METRO**

Trash at epidemic levels



"On a daily basis, at least 1,900 tonnes of garbage are collected during normal weather. During storm-related calamities, the volume increases five-fold."

Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim

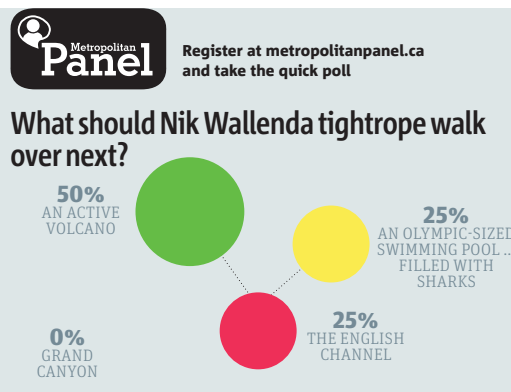
Worst Philippine storms

- **Nesat.** Struck in 2011, and spread as far as China. Caused over \$1 billion US in damage and 747 deaths.
- **Parma.** Killed 465 people and caused over \$600 million US in damage in 2009.
- **Fengshen.** Not as strong but impact worsened by poor forecasting; it killed over 1,300 people when it struck in 2008.

Coping methods

Finding ways to survive floods

The Philippines is hit by an average of 20 storms per year, and the locals have found ways to adapt. During storms hundreds of thousands of people move into evacuation centres including schools, gymnasiums and government buildings. In the coastal areas, many homes have to be repeatedly rebuilt. **METRO**



Twitter

@ChrisSpencer71: Summer! Summer! Where fore art thou? #yqr

@menttey: why was it only 12 degrees this morning? Brrrr... no AC needed today!

@whitesedan: Rainy in #yqr suits my mood

@meller_mel:

@Ceredante: This weather is much needed for me. #cool #rainy #yqr

@juatisask: #yyc, we're getting your wind storm now! Hopefully you took the punch out of it, but it did just flip my patio table! #windy #skstorm #yqr

Nice day to be working inside on this rainy day in the #yqr !

Local artists have Burning desire to share Saskatchewan



Artists prepare their contributions to the Bison Field effigy which will be part of the annual Burning Man festival in Nevada later this month. SIMON HIATT/FOR METRO

Burning Man. Group prepares effigy to bring to annual festival in Nevada



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On the web



Evelyn Lozada's rep says
star has filed for divorce
from Chad Johnson
after arrest

Cross border travel can be challenging at the best of times, imagine trying to enter the United States with two trucks full of building supplies that will be transformed into an art project. And, oh yes, telling the customs officers you plan to set it all on fire.

Luckily for members of the Saskatchewan Burners

that situation last year caused more confusion than concern among those charged with protecting the border.

"They didn't even know what Burning Man was and so we told them," said group member Caryn Dietrich. "And when we came back across they had looked it up and they wanted to hear our stories."

For the uninitiated, Burning Man is an annual "extreme survival arts festival" in Nevada. It culminates with the burning of a giant man-shaped sculpture in the middle, surrounded by 35 effigies that are brought in from different regions.

This year's Saskatchewan Burners effigy was designed by artist Danielle Siemens. Bison Field features representations of animals that are vis-

ible when the work is viewed from the side. The creatures disappear when viewed from the front, replaced by wheat sheaths.

"What that represents is the decline of the bison in the prairies because it was taken over by agriculture. So we're trying to bring some history to the event," said group member Dorion Brady. "We were mistaken for Kansas last year, so we wanted to really make it feel like Saskatchewan."

To accomplish that goal, hundreds of professional and amateur artists from across the province were encouraged to paint one-foot by one-foot plywood panels which will adorn the interior of the installation.

"Not everyone can go to Burning Man, but this is a way

About Burning Man

- Burning Man is held over the course of a week, starting on the last Monday in August, in Nevada's Black Rock Desert.
- The annual "experiment in temporary community dedicated to radical self-expression and radical self-reliance" grew out of smaller burns in California in the mid-1980s and now attracts 50,000 attendees a year.

coordinated the recent Art in the Park event in Saskatoon, counts herself among those who will never attend Burning Man. But she was thrilled to allow attendees to paint panels and experience the festival in their own way.

"They're putting a lot of thought into it and making sure it's meaningful to them. I think collaborative art making is really important," said Van Beek.

It might seem painful to destroy a project that required so much effort, but Brady says the opposite is true.

"It's oddly liberating. You put so much love and care and effort into it, and just to see it burn, it brings everyone together," said Brady. "The mood on the night of a burn is unlike anything I've ever experienced before."

everyone can be a part of it," said Dietrich "It's a good way to get a lot of different perspectives on Saskatchewan." Raeanne Van Beek, who

NEED A RIDE?

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No sequel for Stewart

While Rupert Sanders might still get to direct a follow-up to *Snow White* and the Huntsman, star Kristen Stewart reportedly won't be taking part, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

While a planned second film was set to follow Stewart's *Snow White*, studio Universal is now re-conceiving the sequel as a spin-off focusing on Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman.

"The studio is currently exploring options to continue the franchise," a Universal spokeswoman says. Sanders and Stewart made headlines when they acknowledged they'd been having an affair last month, though it's unclear if that situation had anything to do with the studio's decision.



Jean-Claude Van Damme

Van Damme cheated on wife with Kylie Minogue

Nearly 20 years later, Jean-Claude Van Damme confirms that yes, he did in fact cheat on his then-wife, Darcy LaPier, with singer Kylie Minogue while filming *Street Fighter*, according to the Guardian.

"Yes, yes, yes. It happened," Van Damme tells the newspaper. "It would be abnormal not to have had an affair, she's so beautiful

and she was there in front of me every day with a beautiful smile, simpatico, so charming. She wasn't acting like a big star."

As for a more detailed recollection?

"You should ask her," he says. "She'll have a better memory. I'm 51 years old. Do you know how much I was punched in the face on *The Expendables*?"

Rashida says sorry

Rashida Jones has taken to Twitter to apologize for remarks she made about John Travolta in an interview. While talking to *Spinning Platters*.com, Jones suggested that the time is right for a big movie star to come out of the closet as gay.

"A movie star. Like John Travolta? Come out," she said. "Come on. How many masseurs have to come forward?

Let's do this?"

Travolta has been plagued of late by a flurry of lawsuits from male spa and hotel workers claiming inappropriate sexual behaviour on the part of the star.

"Made a thoughtless comment about John Travolta," Jones tweeted this week, rethinking her comments. "I sincerely apologize. Nobody's personal life is my business."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Pattinson dodging break-up questions

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With his latest film, *Cosmopolis*, set to hit theatres Friday, Robert Pattinson — who has never been one to talk about his personal life — has been at the mercy of the media.

He eased into things Monday with *The Daily Show*, where Jon Stewart playfully offered him a pint of break-up Ben & Jerry's before obediently asking him about the film that no

one cared about.

But Good Morning America host George Stephanopoulos wasn't about to let dignity get in his way yesterday morning.

After Pattinson didn't voluntarily offer any details about how he's coping after the Kristen Stewart cheating scandal, Stephanopoulos pressed, "What do you want your fans to know about what's going on in your personal life?"

Pattinson finally offered some insight: "I'd like my fans to know that Cinnamon Toast Crunch is just 130 calories."

We're pretty sure this is as close as we're ever going to get to eating breakfast with Robert Pattinson. And we'll take it — even if that is one skimpy little bowl of Cinnamon Toast Crunch.



Jennifer Aniston. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Aniston's rocking a major rock

Jennifer Aniston has been hiding her engagement ring, but that won't stop us from talking about it. According to *Life & Style*, fiancé Justin Theroux is significantly poorer this week. "It's a huge emerald-cut diamond," a "friend" of the couple tells the magazine

of the eight-carat rock.

"It's a rectangle with tapered diamond baguettes on the sides."

We already feel creepy talking about this, so sure, let's go for broke: Angelina Jolie is wearing a similarly-cut engagement ring from Aniston's ex, Brad Pitt.

Miley seems proud of new hairdo

Miley Cyrus has caught some flack for the drastic bleach-blond haircut she debuted on Twitter this week, but she's not taking it seriously.

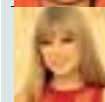
In fact, she's taken to tweeting inspiring affirmations.

"Self love is the greatest of all flatterers," she posted Monday, while the next day she followed up with "Energy flows where our intention goes. Create your day," accompanied by a picture of the pixie-haired singer lounging in bed.

Twitter



@ActuallyNPH
Bret Easton Ellis thinks gay actors can't play straight roles. Totally unrelated, I thought Christian Bale was amazing in 'Welsh Psycho'.



@taylorswift13
Went to get coffee today-opened my change purse. Sea shells fell out. Barista goes "Sorry, we only take cash or credit." So there's that.



@SteveMartinToGo
There must be a joke in my tweet SOMEWHERE.



@Joan_Rivers
Jennifer Aniston is a lot like those shoppers lined up at 4am on Black Friday. She can't wait to race down the aisle.

Already missing the Olympics? With a pair of these '70s-sportswear-inspired styles, you'll be going feet first into a sporting summer.

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**Adidas
Originals
SL72 sneakers**

\$91, asos.com



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Sneakers to slip into the '70s



**Maison Martin Margiela 22
men's replica sneaker**

\$419, oki-ni.com

**Onitsuka
Tiger
California 78**

\$86,
onitsukatiger.co.uk



**Nike classic
Cortez
vintage**

\$65, nike.com



Reebok Paris Runner

\$55, reebok.com



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@Jeanne_Beker: My daughter just took on a train with vintage luggage circa 1940. Cool but hard to travel with. What rules for travel: Style or function?

@JeffreyLuscombe
Style for train, function for plane.

@Jeanne_Beker
Hmmm. Guess I should start taking trains more often!

@KarleighSergio

Your luggage should be function but you should always dress in style!

@Jeanne_Beker
Agreed!

@shinezu
Style. All style! Especially train travel

@Jeanne_Beker
Yeah—it is rather romantic after all.

@Whatsinmypurse
I think you can have both! Love function but would never give up

style ...maybe compromise a wee bit

@Jeanne_Beker
I definitely think compromise is key—to all kinds of situations!

@charlottenurse
I have 3 hardshell suitcases from the 50s that I LOVE but are so impractical :{

@Jeanne_Beker
Tell me about it! We'll have to see how my daughter fares with hers...



@Jeanne_Beker: With @robinsharp aka Trixie Dixon + Bekky O'Neil aka @qualityslippers Raising funds for a musical!

On the Web



Cosmo's Helen Gurley Brown leaves a legacy of frank sexual talk and message of fulfilment

Small space design tricks

Design centre. Making a tiny condo look bigger



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I live in a small, open-space condo. The living, dining room and kitchen feels like one room. How do I define each space? Can I do it with a few different paint colours?

If you want to make a small, open space feel larger, paint it all one neutral colour.

Keep in mind that you are painting one large room so the colour has to be rich enough to hold the entire space together. Use furniture arranging, art, mirrors and rugs to help define individual areas.

Go neutral with the long-term items like paint colour, soft furnishings and a dining table while add trend-setting colours in pillows, area rug and artwork.



Tall leaning mirror

In long, narrow spaces a tall sturdy mirror will help visually widen the area and reflect natural light deep into a dark area. Place a large mirror behind the dining table to help open up a tight area. There's no better value than Ikea's Mongstad mirror; at over three feet by six feet in size, the hefty frame can be painted a trendy colour or left its neutral brown/black. Mongstad Mirror, \$99, Ikea.ca



Round table, \$1485, casalife.com

A 42-54" round pedestal table is the perfect choice for in an open concept dining area. The round shape is easy to walk around (no corners to bump into) and the pedestal base offers more flexibility when seating guests. Casa Life's TAHA table fits the bill; its glass top and shiny stainless base reflects light and offers up a modern yet airy appearance.

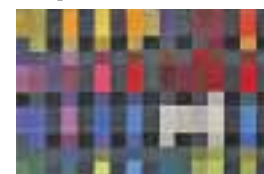
Warm grey paint colour

Choose a trend-setting warm grey paint colour as a neutral backdrop to your furnishings and artwork. Don't be afraid to choose a darker tone. Benjamin Moore's Museum Piece CSP-40 is an excellent colour that will look good with almost anything.



Cedric Arm Chair, \$549, UrbanBarn.com

Forego the traditional sofa and chairs for the living room and consider 4 matching club chairs for the space; creating a casual lounge feel will offer up more flexibility when you want to rearrange the room. The Cedric chair is a great choice as it is comfy and has trendy mid-century modern details like exposed wood and button detailing.



Zak Rygg, \$1,250, crateandbarrel.com

A rug that acts as artwork will not only add colour and personality to a space but help ground and define the living area. The most popular sized rug is an 8x10 which always seems to fit into any room setting. The Zak rug from Crate and Barrel adds many trend colours to pull from.

The sixth wall: Bring your floors to life with paint

DIY ideas. You don't need to be an artist — though it does require some patience

When it became clear that allergies would prevent Nancy B. Westfall's infant daughter from having a rug in her room, the Atlanta-based artist turned instead to paint, a few stencils and a plan.

Westfall used the baby's bedroom floor much like she would a canvas, painting on it a diamond-shaped pattern that gave the space a custom look you simply can't achieve with a kid's area rug.

Eleven years and another house later, Westfall remains a big fan of bringing floors to life with colour instead of covering them up.

"They look pretty refined, and they look even better painted," Westfall

says.

You don't have to be a professional artist like Westfall to do it, although proponents of painting the floor say it does require patience and nerve.

Rachel Cannon Lewis, an interior designer in Baton Rouge, La., encourages clients to consider it.

Painting a floor, whether it's wood or concrete, can be more affordable than tile, carpet or other floor coverings, she says.

And in homes that date back more than a century, painted floors are more historically accurate.

Back then, people frequently painted their wide, plank wood floors to protect them from warping, Lewis says. Plus, painting just looks good.

"I'm starting to think of the floor as the sixth wall," says Lewis, who considers floors "an overlooked opportunity to get creative and introduce colour." (The

"fifth wall," by the way, is the ceiling).

Painting floors yourself can be a lengthy process, Lewis says, primarily because the thin, oil-based paint she recommends requires multiple coats, with lengthy dry times between each one.

Getting fancier by, say, creating a pattern with paint or a stencil, requires even more patience and precision.

Even if you hire a professional painter, however, "You have to be willing to embrace the idea that it's going to be a different solution than what most people tell you to do," Lewis says.

"There are going to be friends that come over who don't get it, and your mom is not going to get it," she says. "But I love the notoriety that comes with pushing the envelope and going for it."

Painted floors are not as durable as some of the



This image shows the floor that Atlanta artist Nancy B. Westfall painted in her daughter's room.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GREGG IRBY FINE ART

alternatives, especially in high-traffic areas, says Sidney Wagner, a Charleston, S.C., interior designer.

"Over time, even with polyurethane, they will show scratches and the paint will scratch off," she says. "However, a tip to help combat your floors from looking too shabby is to paint a contrasting layer of colour underneath. So when that second layer of colour comes through with the scratches, the marred

floors will look planned with your colour scheme."

Carol Charny, a Larchmont, New York-based interior designer, says that painting floors requires a bit of throwing caution to the wind.

"You can do anything you want. The world is your oyster," she says. "You just have to disengage from fear."

In the home interiors shop she used to own, Charny used black and white

paint to make the floor look like it was covered with an area rug, complete with fringe.

She warns that the margin for error grows with the complexity of the project. "You're not going to paint an Oriental rug," she says.

On the other hand, the beauty of using paint is that, if something goes awry, you can cover it up.

"You have to relax," she says. "It's only paint."

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Tired of beef burgers? Bison Sliders give grilled eats a tasty Native touch

An enthusiastic educator and entertainer, Chef David Wolfman, is an internationally-recognized and award-winning expert in wild game and traditional Aboriginal cuisine.

He is also the executive producer and host of Aboriginal Peoples Television Network's popular Cooking With the Wolfman program, on which he displays his signature Aboriginal Fusion.

Wolfman shares his delicious recipe for Bison Sliders, which you can serve up on a traditional hamburger bun with all your favourite



Chef David Wolfman. SUBMITTED

Ingredients

- 500 g ground Bison meat
- 5 ml each of rosemary, thyme and chives, chopped finely
- 125 g wild rice, cooked
- 2 med eggs
- 5 ml Dijon mustard
- 15 ml chili paste
- salt and pepper to taste
- 50 g bread crumbs
- 20 ml olive oil

condiments.

1. In a bowl mix the ground Bison meat, herbs and wild rice, then add the eggs, Dijon, chili paste, bread crumbs, salt and pepper and mix well. Form into small patties and chill for 30 minutes.

2. In a sauté pan, heat the oil, place the patties, cook until they are brown, turn over and repeat.

3. Remove from pan and place into the oven and cook until the internal temp

Bison Sliders



Bison is a tender, lean red meat alternative. CHRIS CHIDSEY

is 165 F.

4. Serve on slider buns and

with a salad such as a Jicama Slaw. Garnish with sliced tomato and spinach greens.

Enjoy! **RECIPE COURTESY OF CHEF DAVID WOLFMAN/ PLANET INDIGENOUS FESTIVAL**

Cookbook of the Week

Enjoy earthy feasts all year round



Andrew George, of Canada's Wet'suwet'en Nation is a well-respected aboriginal chef and instructor who has spent the last 25 years promoting the traditions of First Nations food.

In *A Feast for All Seasons*, written with Robert Cairns, he has compiled aboriginal recipes that feature ingredients from the land, sea and sky.

The 120 recipes include delectable, make-at-home dishes such as Salmon and Fiddlehead Stirfry, Stuffed Wild Duck, Barbecued Oysters, Pan-fried Rabbit with Wild Cranberry Glaze, Clam Fritters, Wild Blueberry Cookies, Moose Chili and more. **METRO**

Modern take on Aboriginal eats

Rich Francis, a graduate of the Stratford Chef School, veteran of Toronto's Splendido and current proprietor of Aboriginal Culinary Concepts in London, Ont., creates what he calls Modern Aboriginal Cuisine.

By creatively producing a traditional dining experience using Indigenous commodities, culture, tradition and modern cooking techniques, Modern Aboriginal Cuisine, says Francis, "is an emotion rather than a concept."

He shares his recipe for Rosehip Crusted Duck Breast and Sweetgrass Lidii Smoked Niagara Peaches.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp grapeseed oil
- 1 lb duck bones and trim
- 1/2 head of garlic crushed, skin left on
- 1 tsp juniper
- 5 whole black pepper corns
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 3 cup ice water

- 1 cup Lidii, needles and stems
- 1 bunch of sweetgrass, dried
- 2 ripe peaches, blanched, skinned and quartered, pit removed

- 1 tbsp dried and crushed rosehip
- 1 tsp juniper, ground
- 1 duck breast, skin side scored
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 sprig wild sage
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter, cubed

- 1 tbsp peach jam
- 1/2 cup brown butter
- salt and pepper

- Thinly sliced Musk Ox prosciutto
- 1/4 cup soft peppery herbs (ie: arugula, pepper cress)
- Dandelion vinaigrette

1. Jus: In saucepan over high heat add oil, when shimmers add unseasoned duck bones and trim. Brown; add crushed garlic, juniper, pepper. Cook 1 min. and add ice cubes then cover bones with water, making sure all is submerged. Bring to boil. Turn heat down to a slow boil, reduce to 1 cup of jus skimming all the while. Strain. Season. Set aside.

2. Peaches: Soak sweetgrass and lidii in water, briefly. Strain; put in wok over medium high heat. When smoke rises, place bamboo steamer with peaches inside, covered. Smoke on stove top for 20 mins. Set aside covered and off the heat.

3. Preheat oven 450. In a cof-

fee grinder, crush rosehip and juniper to a medium fine consistency, turn out on a plate.



Rich Francis. SUBMITTED

Score duck skin. Liberally season both sides. Crust with rosehip mixture. Place duck in cold well seasoned fry pan, over medium high heat. Add crushed garlic and wild sage rendering out some fat and basting all while. Add butter and roast 5 minutes. Rest breast for 20 mins. before carving. (Note: duck is cooked entirely skin side down.)

4. To finish jus, over medium heat bring jus up to temp. Add the peach preserve. Cook out for a minute or 2. Off the heat, whisk in the brown butter and allowing the sauce to 'break'.

Adjust seasoning. Set aside in a warm place. The natural pectin will thicken the sauce to the consistency you want.

5. Drizzle a small amount of jus any way you see fit over the plate surface. Cut the duck breast length wise in 1/4 inch strips, placing three stripes vertically, but staggered. Thinly slice the 1/2 a peach, fold and arrange among the duck. Lightly sauce the duck. Arrange the prosciutto and herbs throughout the dish. Dot with dandelion vinaigrette. **RECIPE COURTESY OF CHEF RICH FRANCIS/ PLANET INDIGENOUS FESTIVAL**

Three Sister Relish. A delicious condiment

1. In a stainless steel bowl, combine corn, zucchini, onions, peppers and salt, and mix well. Cover and let stand for 6 hours. Strain mixture, rinse and let drain.

2. In a stainless steel pot, combine zucchini mixture with beans, sugar, vinegar, turmeric, nutmeg, jalapeno and horseradish. Bring to a simmer and allow it to do so for 40 to 50 minutes, stirring occasionally. Do not let all the liquid evaporate.

3. Sanitize jars, lids and all canning instruments. Then fill hot jars with hot relish, leaving about 1 cm of headspace. Remove any air

Ingredients

- 1 corn on the cob, roasted, cooled and removed from husk
- 5 medium zucchini
- 3 medium yellow onions, diced
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1/2 green pepper, diced
- 3 tbsp pickling or canning salt
- 10 oz black beans (canned drained and rinsed)
- 1 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1 1/4 tsp turmeric
- 2 tbsp horseradish
- 1/2 jalapeno pepper dice



This recipe makes six 250 ml jars. MARLENE FINN

bubbles and fill if necessary. Wipe rims, place sterilized lids on center of each jar. Screw band on jars, tighten firmly.

4. Place jars in canner, make sure that cans are adequately covered with water. Bring to a boil and process for 15 minutes. Turn off and let rest in water for 10 minutes. Remove jars and store, do not disturb for 1 hour.

5. Serve the Three Sister Relish on Buffalo patties.

RECIPE COURTESY OF CHEF DAVID WOLFMAN/ PLANET INDIGENOUS FESTIVAL

NHL and players' union still worlds apart, says Bettman

CBA. 'Number of issues' still unresolved with time running out

With one month to go before the NHL's collective bargaining agreement expires, the league and players seem no closer to a deal than when talks began in June.

In fact, the divide may have grown even further.

It took commissioner Gary Bettman less than 24 hours to conclude that the first proposal from the NHL Players' Association held little appeal for the owners.

"There's still a wide gap between us with not much time to go," Bettman said Wednesday in Toronto.

"I do think it's fair to say that the sides are still apart — far apart — and have different views of the world and the issues," he added.

The current CBA expires Sept. 15 and Bettman has

made it clear that the league will enact a work stoppage if a new deal isn't in place by then.

On Tuesday, the union put forth a proposal that included a smaller percentage of revenues for players over the next three seasons in exchange for an expanded revenue-sharing program to help struggling teams. The NHLPA estimated that players would be giving up \$465 million US in salaries if the league continued on its pace of growth each season.

However, that math didn't add up for the league.

"I think it's fair to say that we value the proposal and what it means in terms of its economics differently than the players' association does," said Bettman. "I think there still are a number of issues where we're looking at the world differently. I'm not sure that there has yet been a recognition of the economics in our world — and I mean the greater world and the sports industry, taking into account what recently happened with the NFL and the NBA."

Both of those leagues went through recent lockouts before ultimately seeing the players' share in revenue reduced. The NHL's initial proposal called for a significant reduction from 57 per cent to 43 per cent, when factoring in changes to the way revenue is calculated.

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NHL commissioner Gary Bettman arrives for collective bargaining talks in Toronto on Wednesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fehr cries foul

NHLPA head bristles at reception

The strong words Wednesday left many feeling like another lockout is ahead.

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, was disappointed the owners weren't more receptive to what he viewed as significant concessions in the NHLPA's offer.

"There's a pretty substantial monetary gulf which is there and when you start with the proposal the owners made, how could it be otherwise?" said Fehr. "I mean, consider what the proposal was: It is 'Let's move salaries back to where they were before the (2004-05) lockout started, back to the last time.'"

"We had a 24 per cent reduction last time, let's have another one.' That was the proposal. That's what creates the gulf."

The sides broke off from talks with two completely different offers on the table and no meaningful negotiation sessions planned until Aug. 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"It takes two sides to make a deal, it takes two sides to negotiate and it takes two sides if it all goes bad."

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman

Rookie Heenan playing 'like a young vet'



First-overall 2012 pick Ben Heenan, left, has been relied upon a lot in his first season with the Riders. CONTRIBUTED/THE SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS FOOTBALL CLUB

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When the Roughriders drafted offensive guard Ben Heenan first overall in the 2012 CFL draft, they knew they had a special player on their hands. Still, many thought the 22-year-old would need some time to adjust to the level of play in the CFL. Luckily, Heenan is a quick study.

Heenan, a native of Grand Coulee who played ball at the University of Saskatchewan,

has seen a lot of playing time in his rookie season. Due in part to injuries on the offensive line, Heenan has been entrusted to start all six Riders games this season.

"As far as him being a rookie — he's done a good job," said Riders head coach Corey Chamblin. "But I think his days of being a rookie are pretty much over; he is now like a young vet."

With starting centre Dominic Picard questionable for Sunday's game against B.C., as well as injuries to offensive

linemen Dan Clark and Dan Goodspeed, it would appear the Riders will have to continue to rely on Heenan's abilities.

"There are always those few rookie moments," said Heenan. "But at the same time I have started six games now, and they expect the play of a veteran now and that is what I am trying to give them"

Chamblin added: "I'm very pleased with him. He is going to make mistakes like they all will, but week after week he grades consistently well."

Tennis

Injury forces Nadal out of U.S. Open

Rafael Nadal's Grand Slam count will stay stuck at 11 for now, sidetracked by another knee problem. The third-ranked Spaniard withdrew from the U.S. Open on Wednesday. The two-week tournament begins Aug. 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer



"While the news is devastating, I have much to be thankful for."
Bolton midfielder Fabrice Muamba, who retired from soccer Wednesday, Muamba suffered a cardiac arrest during a game in March and made his decision after medical consultations last week.

CFL

Mitchell's appeal on ban falls flat

B.C. Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell will serve a two-game suspension for hyperextending another player's arm in a game last month.

An arbitrator has upheld the two-game ban, originally handed down July 23.

Mitchell appealed the decision and has remained in the Lions lineup.

The incident occurred in a July 22 game between Edmonton and B.C., when Mitchell violently pulled on the arm of Edmonton offensive lineman Simeon Rottier.

The suspension is significant by CFL standards because it's the longest ever issued by commissioner Mark Cohon. THE CANADIAN PRESS



B.C. Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mobile sports



Things in Boston just keep getting worse. With the Red Sox sitting 12 1/2 games back in the AL East, rumours had been swirling about a player mutiny against manager Bobby Valentine. The drama forced club owner John Henry to try to dispel that notion on Wednesday. Scan the code for the story.

4 SPORTS

Cabrera suspended 50 games for positive testosterone test

MLB. Giants outfielder leads National League in hitting and was all-star-game MVP

Melky Cabrera was suspended 50 games Wednesday following a positive test for testosterone, putting an abrupt end to what had been an MVP-calibre regular season and throwing the San Francisco Giants' playoff hopes into doubt.

Cabrera leads the National League in hitting. His penalty was the first for a high-profile player since last year's NL MVP, Ryan Braun, had his suspension overturned by an arbitrator last winter. The Braun case led to revisions in the drug agreement between owners and the players' association to better define procedures for handling the urine samples.

"My positive test was the result of my use of a substance I should not have used," Cabrera said in a statement released by the union. "I accept my suspension under the Joint Drug Program and I will try to move on with my life. I am deeply sorry for my mistake and I apologize to my teammates, to the San Francisco Giants organization and to the fans for letting them down."

Cabrera is batting .346 with 11 home runs and 60 RBIs in his first season with San Francisco and is five hits shy of 1,000 in his big league career. Flashing bright orange spikes, he singled and hit a two-run homer last month in



This June 5 photo shows Melky Cabrera reacting after striking out against the San Diego Padres. Cabrera has been suspended for 50 games without pay after testing positive for testosterone. Lenny Ignelz/The Associated Press

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"He's a friend. I'm going to be there for him. I never talked to him about anything like that. Sad day."

New York Yankees second basemen Robinson Cano on Cabrera's suspension.

the National League's 8-0 win in the all-star game, earning MVP honours for the game and securing home-field advantage for the World Series.

Cabrera could still win the NL batting title. He has 501 plate appearances, one less

than the minimum required to win a batting championship for a player on a team playing 162 games. However, under 10.22(a) of the Official Baseball Rules, he would win the batting title if an extra hitless at-bat is added to his average and

it remains higher than that of any other qualifying player.

He will miss the final 45 games of the regular season and serve the remainder of the suspension at the start of next season or during the post-season, depending on whether the Giants make the playoffs and how far they advance.

Cabrera became the second Giants player to receive a drug suspension this season. Reliever Guillermo Mota was penalized for 100 games in May.

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MLB. Hernandez finds perfection against Rays

King Felix now has a crowning achievement.

Felix Hernandez pitched the Seattle Mariners' first perfect game and the 23rd in baseball history, overpowering the Tampa Bay Rays in a brilliant 1-0 victory Wednesday.

The 2010 AL Cy Young Award winner has long talked of his desire to achieve pitching perfection. He finally accomplished it against the Rays, striking out the side twice and finishing with 12 strikeouts.

It was the third perfect game in baseball this season — a first — joining gems by Chicago's Philip Humber against the Mariners in April and San Francisco's Matt Cain versus Houston in June. More than half of all perfectos — 12 — have come in the last 25 seasons.

This also was the sixth no-hitter in the majors this season, three of them at Safeco Field. Humber threw his gem in Seattle, then six Mariners pitchers combined to hold the Los Angeles Dodgers hitless at the park on June 8.

For the Rays, it was an all-too-familiar feeling. This was the third time in four seasons they had a perfect game pitched against them, follow-



Felix Hernandez was doused with water after throwing a perfect game Wednesday in Seattle. GETTY IMAGES

ing efforts by Dallas Braden in 2010 and Mark Buehrle in 2009.

"I don't have any words to explain this," Hernandez said to the crowd, speaking on the field after the final out. "I've been working so hard to throw one and today is for you guys."

With one out to go, Sean Rodriguez got ahead 2-0 in the count. Hernandez came back with two straight breaking balls for strikes and ended perfection with a called third strike on his 113th pitch.

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Van Persie heads to Man United

Manchester United is set to complete the signing of Robin van Persie from Arsenal on Thursday after the Premier League rivals reached an agreement over the sale of the

Netherlands striker.

The Dutchman, who joined from Feyenoord in 2004, was the Premier League's top scorer last season with 30 goals. But he refused to sign a new contract with Arsenal, saying he wasn't happy with the direction the club was heading.

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Just who in the NFL could use Usain?



Usain Bolt, the 100- and 200-metre Olympic champion, has talked of branching out into soccer and even cricket recently. But would he consider taking his blazing speed to the gridiron? STU FORSTER/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Now that the Olympics are over, there's one very fast young man looking at one very long layoff before resurfacing in Rio in four years.

Hey, Usain Bolt! You want to play in the NFL?

Bob Hayes, gold-medal winner in the 100 metres at the 1964 Tokyo Games and dubbed world's fastest human, did it. So did Renaldo Nehemiah, world record-holder in the 110-metre hurdles, who missed the 1980 Moscow Games because of a U.S. boycott.

The world's fastest man has said he's interested in trying soccer, so why not American football?

"I don't know if he does or not (want to play), but if he does, you'd sure have to cover deep," said Buffalo Bills general manager Buddy Nix.

Here are three teams that could use a jolt of Bolt:



Miami Dolphins

With Chad Johnson gone, the Dolphins could use an attention-grabbing receiver right now, if nothing else than to keep viewers tuned in to HBO's *Hard Knocks*. Seriously, with Miami's receivers seemingly dropping more balls than they are catching, it might be worth seeing what Bolt could do.



New York Jets

How can owner Woody Johnson or coach Rex Ryan resist? Guaranteed tabloid back page forever if this happens. Tim Tebow to Usain Bolt, 99 yards, touchdown. Cool? Not? Practice would be a blast, too.



New England Patriots

Randy Moss and Chad Ochocinco (now known as jobless Chad Johnson) played for Bill Belichick, and now the Pats are looking at former Giants and Jets wide receiver Plaxico Burress. Clearly, a big-play, big-name receiver is on someone's wanted list, so why not Bolt?

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20
Don't cut corners or disobey rules, especially on the work front where colleagues and employers won't be too happy if you do the opposite of what is expected of you. There's a lot at stake — don't mess up.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21
Watch what you say today because you may be tempted to go over the top and let slip something you will later regret. Also, make no accusations that you cannot back up with rock solid facts and figures.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21
Your financial situation is not so bad that you have to cash in your stocks and shares or sell off your assets. However, your everyday spending habits do need some attention. Where can you make savings?

Cancer

June 22 - July 23
Petty arguments could very easily get out of hand today, so watch your temper. Others may be unjustly critical of what you are doing but the best way to deal with them is just to ignore them.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23
You seem to be out of touch with what is going on around you at the moment but that's no bad thing. If you get involved with other people's battles, you could end up as one of the wounded.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Listen to what other people have to tell you today and, if their proposals sound good, offer to join forces and make it happen. You are not the only one who has good ideas. Teamwork invariably brings success.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What you are offered today may fall short of what you desire but the planets indicate it is the best deal you are going to get, so you might as well take it. And don't forget to show your appreciation.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Delays of one sort or another are likely today but don't let that stop you getting out into the world and meeting new people. In most situations, a smile and a kind word will get you past obstructions.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Few things are as bad as they first appear to be and if you keep that thought in mind today you won't go far wrong. A temporary setback is just that so don't make a huge deal of it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It may be easy to get annoyed with people who cannot live up to your standards, but if you do it will only make matters worse. Stay calm and realize that, for some, your standards are impossibly high.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You would be wise to think twice before acting on a hunch today, especially on the work front where your reputation could take a nose-dive if you make the wrong call. Let's others take the risks.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20
You should be doing more. You should be making better use of the talents you were born with. What you need to remember is that each and every day can be a new beginning. Forget about yesterday — act today.

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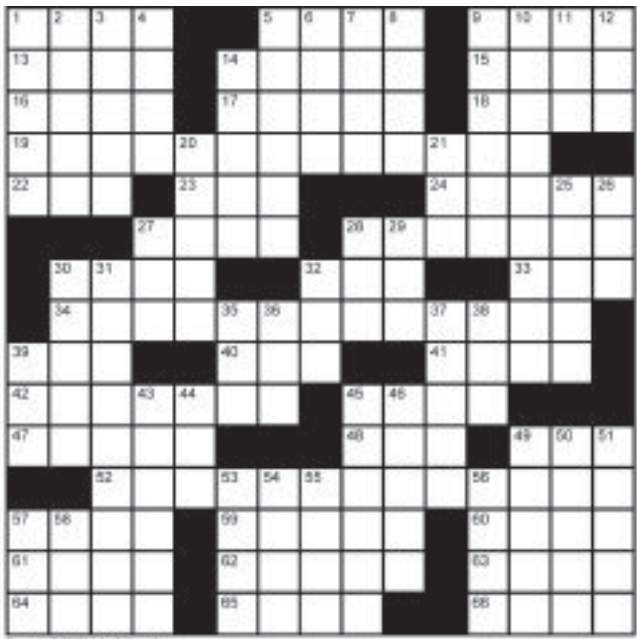
Crossword: It's a Puzzle

Across

- cadabra
- Chimney cleaner's concern
- The most successful Swedish music act
- Beaufort and Bering
- Fall crop spoiler
- Street
- Painting and sculpture, e.g.
- Slightest
- Animal fat
- Ottawa resident who starred in the Mummy film series (2 wds.)
- Hardly a gentleman
- Key beside F1
- My Dinner with ____: 1981 film
- Ancient cross with circular loop
- Party: Canada's oldest federally registered party
- time: never (2 wds.)
- Inc.'s Canadian counterpart
- Lubricant
- What Canada Day commemorates
- up: soak (gravy with bread)
- "are for kids"
- Emoters
- Northwest ____: sea route on Canadian mainland's N coast
- Vancouver team member
- The ____: series starring Mr. T (2 wds.)
- and outs
- Consumed
- City known as "The Birthplace of Confederation"
- Tegan and ____: Calgary-born rockers
- "No Good": Linda Ronstadt hit
- Spoiled kid
- Any time
- 1950s Ford flop
- Mix by hand
- "Smile Be Your Umbrella" (2 wds.)
- Arranges, as a dinner table
- Window unit

Down

- "It's easy ____!": very simple (comparison) (2 wds.)
- Legendary Yankee catcher Yogi
- R: for mature audiences
- Org.
- Canadian language
- Bread unit
- Soviet Union
- Songstress James
- Garfield's feline girlfriend
- Corporate meeting place
- Place serving 53-Down
- Sum
- Chemistry lab vessel
- Words before "iniquity" or "thieves" (2 wds.)
- Sat. or Sun. (depending on religion)
- Precipitates
- House wing 27.
- "Barbara ____": 1966 Beach Boys hit
- Env. content
- Film noir actress Lupino
- "... of many colors" (2 wds.)
- Hush-hush (2 wds.)
- Luthor: Superman's nemesis
- Heart measure, for short
- Expire
- "All ____ in favor ..."
- Gandalf portrayer McKellen
- Whirlpool site
- African desert
- "I ____ Rock": Simon & Garfunkel hit (2 wds.)
- Gasoline units
- "Inside": computer slogan
- Main artery
- Ontario-born singer Shania
- nos: confidentially (literally, between us)
- Strong drinks sometimes called redeye
- Ore deposit
- Eject
- Three tsps.
- Poivre tablemate
- 15-Across cousin: abbr.



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Yesterday's crossword



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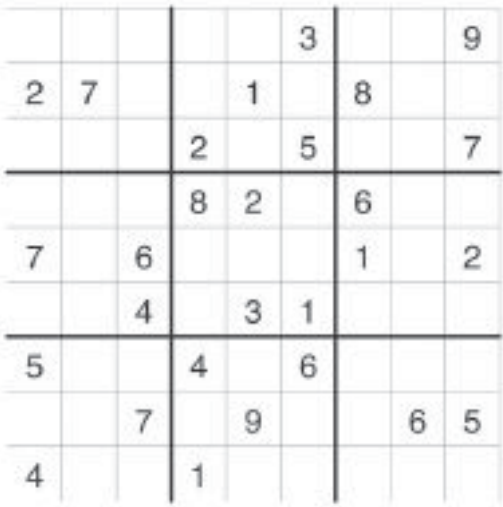


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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